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ADAMS FEMALE ACADEMY BUILDING LANE ROAD DERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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This report derives from a brief inspection of the Adams Female Academy Building by R. Stuart Wallace and James L. Garvin of the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources on January 9, 1990.

The purposes of the inspection were 1. to determine the date and stylistic attributes of the structure; 2. to assess its structural condition; and, 3. to discuss possible methods of marketing the building so as to strengthen the likelihood of its preservation.

The Adams Female Academy Building stands on Lane Road in East Derry. Over the years since its construction, the building has been used as a private academy structure, a public schoolhouse, and a private dwelling. It is a two-story, wood-framed structure with a hipped roof. It is oriented with a narrow end facing the road as the facade, and has a two-story wing attached to its south wall. The structure is clad with wooden clapboards having lapped ends and has a roof covering of asphalt shingles (main building) and asphalt roll roofing (wing). In the center of the hipped roof of the main building is the plinth or base of a former two-stage belfry.

The floor plan of the building has been superficially altered by the creation of a furnace room, kitchen, living room and bedrooms on the first floor, and by the enclosure of a bedroom on the otherwise open second floor of the main block. The first floor of the wing, originally a finished room, has been used for some years as a shop, while the second floor of the wing is presently a single classroom. Evidence suggests that this space was formerly subdivided into two rooms.

The building is presently heated with an oil-fired forced-hot-water furnace which is vented into a chimney that rises near the south wall of the main building. Originally, this chimney undoubtedly served stoves on the first and second floors of the main structure. The first-floor room of the wing is not heated, while the second floor room has a bifurcated chimney suspended above the ceiling and ending in two stove thimbles set into the ceiling on each side of a former partition. The weight of this chimney is supported in part by the roof framing of the wing and in part by a steel column placed below the chimney.

The main building and ell both have hewn timber frames. The first-floor

framing is exposed in a shallow, dirt-floored basement, but the wall and roof frames are not presently exposed in any areas. It is clear from projecting, cased posts that the main building is framed with a series of evenly-spaced bents creating a number of structural bays, and that the ell, though much smaller, is similarly framed. The floor of the second-story classroom is supported at its center by two octagonal columns which rise through the first story to support a central girder (not visible) embedded along the longitudinal axis of the second floor frame. This type of central support is typical of wood-framed academy buildings dating from the first half of the nineteenth century.

The date of the structure may be estimated at c. 1830 on the basis of stylistic and structural evidence. Wherever original joiner's work survives, the structure shows a combination of Federal-style and Greek Revival details. Original window sashes, for example, uniformly exhibit the narrow muntin profile associated with the Federal period. Window casings, as seen on the second floor of the wing, on the other hand, exhibit wide backband mouldings with a Grecian profile. Similarly, the staircase to the second floor bears a characteristic Greek Revival moulding along its stringer.

In the same vein, structural components of the building are characteristic of transitions that were taking place in 1830. Original lath, exposed to view in several locations, is uniformly of the split-board type, common during the first half of the nineteenth century. Nails used for clapboards and laths are of the cut type, common after 1800. Horizontal board wainscoting, used throughout the building, is typical of late Federal-style work.

The combination of stylistic and structural clues evident in the building points to that transitory period around 1830 when structures were no longer fully Federal in character, nor yet fully Greek Revival in their detailing. This date seems to be corroborated by early references that document a move from an earlier structure, built near the Presbyterian meeting house in 1823-4.

The most explicit documentary corroboration for a date of 1830 for the building appears in Harriet Chase Newell's Houses of the Double Range and East Derry, N.H. (1954). Apparently basing her remarks on deed research, Newell states (pp. 100-101) that the first academy building stood near the meeting house, on a site not exactly located, serving the school "from 1823 to 1830." Newell continues with the statement that "the location [of the school] was changed a few years after its founding, to the present site on Lane Road, on land purchased in 1829 of Alanson Tucker." Newell's book is especially valuable in reproducing photographs of the building both in its original condition and after the addition of the present porch, and for showing one of the murals that were discovered on original plastered walls hidden behind later walls on the second floor of the main building.

It is evident that the building has undergone several remodellings, the most extensive of which dates from around 1900. The building became a public school-house after the academy ceased its separate existence in 1886. Newell shows a photograph, dated September, 1890, of a group of public school students posed in front of the main doorway. At that date, the front porch had not yet been added. It may be inferred that the addition of the porch coincided with interior changes which are evident in the building.

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evidence shows a combination of Federal-style and Greek Revival details.
Original window sashes, for example, certainly exhibit the narrow paneled
profiles associated with the Federal period. Window casings, as seen on the
second floor of the wing, on the other hand, exhibit wide beveled moldings
with a Greek Revival profile. Similarly, the staircase to the second floor bears
a characteristic Greek Revival molding along its stringer.

In the case of the main wing, structural components of the building are characteristic of
the Federal period. The main wing, exposed to view
in several locations, is made of the split-board type, common during
the first half of the nineteenth century. Molding used for closets and
doors are of the cut type, common after 1800. Horizontal board siding,
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Among these changes was the widespread application of matched and beaded "ceiling board" to various locations in the structure, most notably to the ceiling of the second-floor hall. The second-floor room also received a maple floor at this period. Sash muntin profiles suggest that the bank of windows in the west wall of the second-floor hall was also installed around 1900.

At some point subsequent to original construction, the walls of the second-floor hall were doubled, with a secondary inner wall being added to create embrasures at every window. It was at this point that the original wall murals were hidden behind new lath and plaster. The change may represent the conversion of an original second floor "recitation room" or auditorium into a regular classroom.

Without some probing, it is difficult to date this alteration. We do not know, for example, what type of studding, lath, or nails were used in the new inner walls; hence, we cannot tell whether the work was done shortly after the structure was built or as late as 1900.

Several doors and most of the second-floor windows of the main building have symmetrically-moulded casings and corner blocks of a type that could have been used from the 1830s until 1900. These casings appear uniform even on the new bank of windows added on the second floor, and so probably date from about 1900. If so, the question of the appearance of original window trim in this room, and of the general chronology of doors and windows throughout the structure, remains a mystery worth further investigation. This mystery, in turn, bears upon the question of alterations to the floor plan as bathrooms, the furnace room, and other partitions were added or altered. The Derry Town Reports for the years after 1886 should contain construction accounts that will shed some light on the evolution of the building.

For the moment, it appears that the structure retains sufficient integrity of original design, and sufficient physical evidence of later changes, that its architectural evolution could be made clear with a moderate amount of study.

The structural condition of the building appears sound. The building stands on a foundation of mortared stone rubble, topped with a curb of split granite. While there are a few chinks in the stonework of this foundation, the masonry appears sound and fully capable of supporting the building.

The first floor frame of the main building, as observed from the shallow cellar, is generally in very sound condition. The girders and joists are oak. Except in one area where a water pipe has penetrated the floor and either leaked or invited condensation, the framing is in perfect condition. The joists are relatively small and square in cross section and are widely-spaced, so the floor may originally have shown a tendency to flex or bounce. This has been stopped by the addition of a few wooden trestles in the cellar at intervals between the main girders.

It is clear from the intact and well-preserved nature of the clapboards that the walls of the main building and ell have remained sound.

Because it is presently impossible to study the roof frames of either the main building or the wing, it is impossible to gauge the condition of the

roof membranes. The main roof once had a belfry, of which the plinth or base remains. Such a feature may have invited leaks, especially since the belfry was probably removed because of lack of maintenance and poor condition in later years. The roof presently does not leak.

The roof of the wing appears suspect. It is a low-pitched roof, and a roof with such a slope would have been difficult to keep tight before the introduction of roll roofing. The stove chimney in the wing is partly supported by the roof frame, and the weight of such a structure may have contributed to some settling or failure before the steel column was added on the second floor. The roof membrane presently shows considerable undulation.

In general, however, the building appears in sound condition, and even in particularly good condition for a 160-year-old structure.

What is not up to standard are some of the later changes to the building and some of the cosmetics. Because of the high percentage of survival of original fabric, the building is eminently restorable as a four-room structure. Later attempts to alter the building for school and domestic use have been less than successful, however. Most of these changes should probably be removed in any future program for renovation of the academy, even if later owners choose to continue use of the building as a residence.

The Adams Female Academy building is important in the history of education in New England, and has special significance in the history of female education. Until about 1850, few New Hampshire towns maintained high schools. Instead, secondary education was provided by private academies or seminaries, incorporated by the legislature. By 1830, when the surviving Adams Female Academy building was constructed, the New Hampshire legislature had incorporated some fifty such institutions. Yet the buildings associated with most of those academies have largely vanished. Only about ten New Hampshire academy buildings survive from the period before 1830, and several of those have been substantially altered. One of these older structures is the original Pinkerton Academy building in Derry; the fact that this nearby structure has survived should not obscure the real rarity and potential for architectural research offered by the Adams building.

The building has a special association with women's education in New England. According to the academy's own catalogue of 1853, the school "was the first incorporated female institution in the State, and among the first in New England, in which a detailed course of studies was prescribed, and systematic, progressive instruction afforded." The same catalogue claims that the curriculum was intended "to render the students competent to enter upon almost any station in life" and that the course of studies was such "as to discipline the mind to rigid thought, afford knowledge and instruction, and cultivate an acquaintance with general literature and scientific classification."

Clearly, the building is of great importance as a monument in American education. Further, the structure has the potential to reveal much about academic architecture in the early nineteenth century. Structurally, the building is capable of being used for a wide range of purposes, requiring only that a buyer of vision and commitment be found.

Respectfully submitted,
James L. Garvin

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THE ADAMS FEMALE Academy in Derry, the first academy in the nation to award diplomas to female students, is now a three-bedroom home. It also is for sale.

School for Sale

Historic Derry Academy Now a House

DERRY — A piece of education history is on the real estate market.

The Adams Female Academy, the nation's first school to present diplomas to women and which later became a public school, is for sale. The building is a significant historic landmark because of its authentic features and association with such famous people as French Gen. Marquis de Lafayette, astronaut Alan Sheppard, educator Mary Lyons and painter Rufus Porter.

"It is a historic treasure," said Jeff Woodburn, a partner at Historic Properties, a real estate firm that

Until about 1850, few New Hampshire towns maintained high schools. Several private, local academies were scattered throughout the state, but few of those buildings remain today.

The Adams Female Academy first opened in 1824. At its height, the school's enrollment was about 100 students. The instructor who left the most impressionable mark on the institution was Mary Lyons, who later founded Mount Holyoke College.

Gen. Lafayette's celebrated post-Revolutionary War tour of the coun-

Astronaut Alan Sheppard and Gov. Charles Floyd were graduates of the school.

The building was in serious disrepair when current owner Scott Richardson purchased the property in 1990. He has painstakingly restored the home and also discovered some interesting history.

Hidden behind the walls in the second-floor classroom were original murals believed to be painted by Rufus Porter, a man of many talents but best known as the inventor of 23 patents, founder and editor of Scientific American and a decora-

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Mr. Fairbanks was married to Harriet A. Dodge of Francestown in 1844, and to them three children have been born: Henry B., a prominent business man in Manchester; Ellen Cynthia, who lives at home; and Anna Frances, some years ago deceased. Mrs. Fairbanks died in August, 1891, at the family home on Wilson hill, where Mr. Fairbanks was one of the pioneer settlers twenty-one years ago. He is a member of the Amoskeag Veterans and was quartermaster fifteen years. He is also a member of the Franklin-Street Congregational church, joining soon after its organization in 1844.

ADAMS FEMALE ACADEMY. Although this institution no longer exists, having been merged into the public school system of Derry in 1887, during its life of nearly two thirds of a century it was one of the chief educational centres of New England. Being the first incorporated female academy in the state, and among the first in the country in which a regular course of studies was prescribed, the school may justly be called a pioneer in the cause of woman's education in America. There had been a female department in Pinkerton Academy, but the trustees deemed it expedient to separate the boys from the girls, and a female seminary was opened in the building originally erected for an academy. Jacob Adams, who died in 1823, bequeathed about four thousand dollars of his property to endow a female academy, "to be located within one hundred rods of the East Parish meeting-house, in Londonderry." The school was accordingly established, and in April, 1824, went into operation under the charge of Miss Z. P. Grant, who had been a pupil, and was then an assistant, in the seminary of Rev. Joseph Emerson. She was aided by Miss Mary Lyon, who subsequently became distinguished as a teacher at Mt. Holyoke Seminary in carrying out the plan of female education originally adopted at Adams. Under the superintendence and instruction of Miss Grant and Miss Lyon, the academy soon attained a high reputation and attracted pupils from all parts of New England, the attendance reaching one hundred. In 1827 circumstances led the two teachers to sever their connection with the school and open an academy

for young ladies at Ipswich, Mass. They were succeeded by Charles C. P. Gale of Exeter, a graduate of Yale, who remained principal for ten years. One of Mr. Gale's pupils has paid this tribute to his character: "He was a magnetic man, full of candor, hope, and all high ideals. He attracted everybody towards him, made lasting and loving friendships, and rarely failed to create among his pupils strong personal loyalty and affection. Our lessons in Paley's Theology and Evidences were often only texts for eloquent and suggestive lectures, quickening and kindling our thoughts, so that when we left his presence we were glowing with a new life." On Mr. Gale's resignation, John Kelly of Atkinson was appointed principal, and remained in charge three years, being succeeded by Miss Laura W. Dwight, who also remained three years. Edward L. Parker, the next principal, resigned in 1848, after a four years' service, and during the next twelve years the academy had nine different principals, as follows: Rev. Eli T. Rowe, Henry S. Parker, Miss Abby T. Wells, Nathaniel E. Gage, Miss E. C. Rubies, Nathaniel J. Marshall, Miss Jennie M. Bartlett, Miss Mary A. Hoyt, and Benjamin F. Warner. In 1860 the trustees were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Emma L. Taylor of Derry, youngest sister of Dr. Samuel N. Taylor of Phillips Andover Academy. Under her management the school prospered greatly, and the course of study was much extended. She remained in charge many years, her assistants at different times being Miss Mary F. Rowly, Miss Mary E. Burnham, Miss Elizabeth Train, and Mrs. William Crawford.

The fiftieth anniversary of the academy was celebrated July 1, 1873, the occasion bringing to Derry the alumnae from many states of the Union. A very interesting feature of the event was the presence of Mrs. Bannister of Newburyport, the first teacher of the school. She was in her eighty-second year, and had not visited the school since leaving Derry, forty-seven years previously. There were addresses by Rev. Mr. Parker, Rev. Dr. Deriner, Mr. Edward L. Parker, and at the collation which followed in the town hall speeches were made by Rev. Dr. Wellman, Hon. E. H. Derby, Dr. Hooker of Boston, and several others.

In the list of graduates or former pupils of

the school are the names of the first wife of Ralph Waldo Emerson, the two sisters of N. P. Willis, the poet, one of whom became widely known as "Fanny Fern," the Penhallows and Salters of Portsmouth, the Cilleys of Nottingham, the Derbys of Boston, the Bells, Aikens, Frenches, and Richardsons of Chester, the Tuckers, Thorns, Taylors, Greggs, MacGregors, Farrars, Dows, Parkers, Prentices, Pattens, Adamises, Choates, and Eastmans of Derry and Londonderry. Miss Lucinda J. Gregg, a graduate of the school, read the poem on the occasion of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary.

With such a long and honorable record of usefulness, the academy, to the great regret of its friends, closed its separate existence in 1886. During the last few years the attendance had been very small, owing to various causes, and the trustees felt that the purpose for which the institution was founded could be better carried out by its union with the common school system of the town. Steps were accordingly taken to bring this about, and in October, 1887, the General Court approved the "Act to Establish the Adams School District in Derry." After defining the boundaries of the district and specifying its officers, the act provides that:

The duties of the president shall be to preside at all meetings of the district, of the clerk to keep all records of the district, and of the joint board and of the treasurer to receive any money paid by the trustees of the will of Jacob Adams, late of Derry, deceased, or any other money properly paid to him for school purposes.

The authority of the town under the laws of 1885, chapter 43, as to assessing and collecting taxes in said Adams School District and appropriating the same for school purposes shall continue as if this act had not passed. When it shall be decided by the courts of this state, upon application made, that the real estate and the income of the personal property, now in the hands of the aforesaid trustees, can be used and appropriated by said trustees for educational purposes in connection with the district school in the said Adams School District, then the said president, clerk, and treasurer shall constitute a joint board to act with the town school board in selecting a teacher and fixing the compensation, and it shall then be the duty of the board of education of said town to contract with said trustees and pay a reasonable rent for the use of the school building now held by said trustees, with the assent of said joint district board, and any scholars from other parts of the town district may attend the school in said Adams School District free of tuition with the consent of the town board.

Such sum as shall be paid for rent, together with the income of any fund in the hands of said trustees, shall be appropriated as nearly as may be for the education of females, together with all school children of said district, and for increasing the efficiency of the district school at a location according to the will of said Adams.

JOHN MOORE seems to have given the early settlers of Nutfield no little trouble. Sickness had brought on poverty, and there was no appropriation for the support of the poor. Accordingly, in the warrant for the annual town meeting in 1730 the eighth article read: "To see what the town will do about John Moore." Providence, however, interfered before the meeting was held and saved the town from its embarrassment, for the record says: "8th article deferred by reason John Moore is dead."



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BROOKLYN, N. Y.
TEL MAIN 1137

Brooklyn N.Y. Aug 24/32

Ans Sept 24, 1932

Mrs Inger Leary
East Werry N.H.

Dear Friends; Mrs Shepard & Mrs Goldsmith
very kindly offered to help trace the record
of The Adams Female Academy to see if
my mother was a student there which
I always understood she was and I
will quote a bit from family record.

Ebenezer JOHNSON married first time Mary Adams
of Werry, she died Jan 25th 1825 aged 48
leaving three daughters

Sophia	died	Oct 21 1822	aged 18 years	} mother's half sisters
Mary	"	Dec 16 1832	" 31 "	
Saman	"	Apr 6 1836	" 33 "	

Ebenezer married the second time Lucinda Sears of
Halifax Mass their daughter SUSAN ADAMS JOHNSON

(my mother) born in Werry N.H. married Joseph Gregg
Wilam Nov 29th 1855 and lived in Baltimore Md

Ebenezer died Dec 3th 1838, his wife Feb 26th 1840

mother was left an orphan at six born Dec 29 - 1833
and one of her guardians was a Mr. Brooks

Mrs Fanny Rodgers knew my family & sister very
well possibly her mother may recall some of

my mother's early life there in Wey.

Just I am not troubling you too much
in checking up these old records and do not
wish you sacrifice too much time on same
however I will appreciate your kindness

Sincerely

H. S. Wilson

137 TORALEMON ST
Brooklyn N.Y.

Brooklyn N.Y. Oct 29/32

Mrs Frederick J. Shepard.

Dear Mrs Shepard, Your letter of Sept 24th received, with the interesting information and date of my mother's attendance at Adams Female Academy for which please accept my sincere thanks for your kindness.

Sorry I did not meet Mrs Rogers although it seemed so strange that ~~she~~ had reached the age of 99, they were taking her to see the Doctor the morning I called there.

Mrs Rogers (Fannie) however knew my mother & sister and gave me some help in checking up these old records.

From Mother's account Mr Brooks surely must have been a most lovable & kind man.

Sincerely

H. S. Wilson

137 Jerusalem St.

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are the one to do it if no one else is ready.”

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 g. '96.

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 '78. Mary E. Smith, Panditeripo, Jaffna, Ceylon.

Huse, Mrs. William H., Manchester.
 '89. Jessie E. Jewett, North Yarmouth, Maine.

Hyde, Mrs. Herbert T., Manchester.
 '95. Harriet R. Warren, Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Kendall, Miss Sarah W., Nashua.
 '60.

Lang, Miss Elizabeth W., Meredith.
 '97.

Learoyd, Mrs. George, Gilsum.
 g. '58. S. Jane Hayward.

Little, Miss Priscilla, Webster.
 g. '58. West Boscawen.

Locke, Miss Marinda A., Wellesley, Massachusetts.
 g. '93. Philippopolis, Bulgaria.

Lockhart, Mrs. Burton W., Manchester.
 g. '73. M. Fanny Upsom, Westfield, Massachusetts.

Mack, Miss Isabella G., Manchester.
 g. '75.

McClure, Miss Elizabeth M., Nashua.
 '94.

McQuesten, Mrs. John K., Manchester.
 '57. Lucia Cutler, Windham.

Melvin, Miss Helen E., Chester.
 g. '79.

Noyes, Mrs. John W., Chester.
 '49. Harriette S. Bouton, Concord.

Page, Mrs. Benjamin F., Littleton.
 '63. Caroline Farr.

Phelps, Mrs. Gurley A., Jaffrey.
 g. '47. Nancy P. Stoughton, Gill, Massachusetts.

Phillips, Mrs. Frank B., Littleton.
 '71. Grace E. Longley, West Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

Pitman, Mrs. Charles F., Laconia.
 '84. Grace A. Vaughan.

Randall, Miss Elnora E., Marlborough.
 '60. Keene.

Richardson, Mrs. Cyrus, Nashua.
 g. 65. Annie Dearborn, Plymouth.

Rogers, Miss Mary A., Bennington.
 g. '89. Marysville, California.

Rose, Mrs. Samuel, Reed's Ferry.
 '86. Grace M. Chamberlain, Sharon, Vermont.

Russell, Mrs. Frank W., Plymouth.
 '70. Louise W. Hall.

Sanger, Miss Abbie May, Franklin Falls.
 g. '96.

Scammon, Mrs. Richard M., Exeter.
 g. '92. Annie P. Wiggin, Stratham.

Smith, Miss Kate L., Manchester.
 '85.

Smith, Miss Sarah M., Exeter.
 g. '88.

Sparhawk, Mrs. J. Will, West Swanzey.
 g. '81. N. Louise Norwood, Richmond.

Storrs, Miss Harriet A., Hanover.
 g. '02.

Tenney, Miss Ina May, Peterborough.
 '02.

Tolman, Miss Mary M., Manchester.
 '78.

Turner, Mrs. George, Nashua.
 '53. Emeline M. Coggsell.

Webster, Mrs. David, Concord.
 '60. Luella Webster.

Wilson, Miss Mary F., Hollis.
 g. '97.

Woodman, Miss Mary M., West Lebanon.
 g. '99.

A Retrospect.

At the meeting of the New Hampshire Branch of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, held in Great Falls, October, 1892, a committee from the New Hampshire Alumnae of Mount Holyoke College reported, recommending the organization of a state association. In accordance with the adoption of this report, the New Hampshire Mount Holyoke Alumnae Association was formed. Mrs. Howard L. Porter, of Concord, was elected president, and during the first year sixty-six names were enrolled upon the membership list. The first social function of the new association was a dinner at the Eagle hotel, Concord, May 25, 1893, tendered by Mrs. Porter to the president of the college, Mrs. Elizabeth Storrs Mead. The post-prandial exercises consisted of addresses by Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Mead, Mrs. Gulliver, and others, interspersed with choice music.

At Manchester, in 1894, after the business session a reception and banquet were given, in honor of gentleman's day, at the New Manchester house. Many guests interested in the educational work of the state were present. President Tucker of Dartmouth College gave an address; Dr. Lockhart, pastor of the Franklin-street church, spoke for the sons-in-law; an orchestra rendered a fine musical program.

In 1895 Mrs. Isaac N. Blodgett of Franklin was elected president to succeed Mrs. Porter, whose resignation had been accepted with great regret. The meeting of '96 was at Concord, '97 at Manchester, '98 at Nashua, and '99 at Concord.

The Association celebrated the close of the century by holding its annual meeting in East Derry, where Mary Lyon taught in the old Adams academy from 1823 to 1826. Invitations to this meeting on historic ground were sent to the members of the Boston Association and many responded. Mrs. Alice Gordon Gulick, of Madrid, Spain,

and Mrs. Bourdon, president of the National Association, gave brief addresses.

In 1901, when Dartmouth College was celebrating the Webster centenary, the annual meeting was held in Franklin, the home of Webster, and places of interest in the town were delightfully shown by the president of the Association. The business meeting was held in the drawing-room of the old Webster homestead. Mrs. Blodgett, after six years of most faithful service, especially in the important and difficult work of the college endowment fund, felt obliged to resign, and Mrs. Burton W. Lockhart, of Manchester, was elected president.

The tenth annual meeting was held in Manchester at the home of the president May 31, 1902. To celebrate a decade of existence the officers tendered a reception and luncheon to the members of the Association; interesting personal reminiscences were given and the old-time college feeling abounded. An ideal May day beside the Merrimack and under the Uncanoonucs renewed the college spirit, reminding all of the Connecticut and the hills of South Hadley. Mrs. Bourdon addressed the afternoon meeting. Pleasant features of our annual meetings have been letters from the New Hampshire girls at Mount Holyoke, from the teachers our state has furnished the college, from missionaries gone out from our association to the ends of the earth, the singing of college songs, and the Alumnae Song by Mrs. Silas W. Davis, for several years vice-president of the Association. We have been favored several times with addresses from professors and alumnae of the college.

The Association has nourished our common interest in Alma Mater, kept us in touch with the new life at the college, made us awake to the higher ideals of education and philanthropy, and more glad to be reckoned among the Mount Holyoke women in the world. In the substantial aid we have given the college we have proved our right to be, having contributed annually to the National Association, the Athens school, and some of the funds and fellowships of the college. Through the efforts of Mrs. Blodgett, Miss Gilson, Miss Kendall, and other members of the Association, we have sent \$3,081.76 to the college endowment fund.

A detailed statement of the gifts of the Association follows:

Classical School at Athens	\$50.00
Bardwell Memorial Fund	194.00
General Association	20.50
Endowment Fund	266.15

\$530.65

Contributions for Endowment Fund by members and
friends \$3,081.76

\$3,612.41

Our local expenses have been kept down to \$175.85, and the money of the association given to the work of the college.

New Hampshire has sent to Mount Holyoke five hundred and eighty-three pupils and some of its most beloved and honored teachers, among whom were Elizabeth Blanchard and Lydia W. Shattuck.

We send out this brief record of our efforts in the hope that all of Mount Holyoke's daughters in New Hampshire may decide to unite with our state alumnae association in furtherance of good fellowship and the best interests of our Alma Mater.

In behalf of the executive board.

MARY M. TOLMAN, *Secretary*.

FRANCES U. LOCKHART, *President*.

“Holyoke, Holyoke, tried and true,
We will love her ever,
Alma Mater and the blue
We'll forsake, no, never.”

Alumnæ.

The following list contains the names of alumnae and undergraduates, not members of the Association, resident in the state, so far as ascertained.

Albee, Miss Ellen L. ('91), Winchester.
Bailey, Mrs. A. (Annie I. Peabody, '79), Brentwood Corner.
Barnard, Miss Rhoda F. ('90), Hopkinton.
Bartlett, Miss Anna M. ('62), Hampstead.
Bartlett, Mrs. W. C. (Helen W. Shattuck, '74), Bethlehem.
Barton, Mrs. G. C. (Blanche H. Morse, '97), Grantham.
Bigelow, Miss Carrie E. ('75), Jaffrey.
Bishop, Miss Emily Rosalie ('02), Keene.
Blodgett, Mrs. T. (Jane H. Coolidge, '56), Fitzwilliam.
Browne, Miss Malvina ('41), Hopkinton.
Buffum, Miss Mary E. (g. '72), Winchester.
Buffum, Mrs. S. W. (Mary E. Tower, '39), Winchester.
Bugbee, Mrs. Lucian W. (Jacobina W. Taylor, '95), Tilton.
Bunker, Miss M. Amanda ('72), Barnstead.
Burnap, Miss Ellen L. (g. '01), Bethlehem.
Butterfield, Mrs. Charles (Sarah W. Richardson, '39), Spofford.
Campbell, Mrs. Cassius S. (Lydia L. Ashley, g. '66), Derry.
Campbell, Miss Francena L. (g. '96), Derry.
Chatterton, Miss Gertrude M. ('94), Acworth.
Chatterton, Miss Minnie E. (g. '97), Acworth.
Chellis, Mrs. Rush (Alice E. Bates, '85), Claremont.
Clement, Miss Mary E. ('73), Franklin.
Clough, Miss Mary E. (g. '64), Canterbury.
Cole, Miss Susan B. (g. '02), Lebanon.
Conant, Mrs. W. R. (Anna L. Cowles, '84), Orford.

Condon, Mrs. J. W. (Rose L. Streeter, '00), Manchester.
 Cossitt, Miss Sarah C. (g. '02), Claremont.
 Davis, Mrs. Daniel (Susan A. Adams, '57), Lakeport.
 Davis, Mrs. G. H. (Emily B. Browne, '82), Dover.
 Davis, Miss Marinda P. (g. '01), Acworth.
 Durward, Miss Alice J. (g. '01), Claremont.
 Ellis, Miss Gertrude C. (g. '01), Keene.
 Ellis, Miss Ruth E. ('02), Keene.
 Farrar, Miss Lillian (g. '73), East Rindge.
 Flint, Miss Abby A. ('71), Concord.
 Flint, Miss Helen C. (g. '80), Mount Holyoke College. Home address,
 Concord.
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 Goodnow, Miss Jessie E. (g. '01), East Jaffrey.
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 Jones, Mrs. M. S. (Mary E. Childs, '60), Manchester.
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 Kenney, Miss Ivah L. (g. '01), Milford.
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 Lovejoy, Mrs. C. A. (Ellen H. Day, '60), Hollis.
 Lund, Mrs. C. C. (Lydia French, g. '57), Concord.
 Marble, Mrs. L. E. (M. Edna Haseltine, '81), Atkinson.
 Marsh, Miss Elizabeth A. ('50), North Nottingham.
 Maynard, Miss Harriett L. ('02), Plymouth.
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 Nims, Mrs. Marshall W. (Alice M. Whitcomb, '75), Concord.
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 Roberts, Miss Amy S. (g. '00), Hanover.
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 Rouillard, Miss Gertrude ('92), Hinsdale.
 Sanderson, Mrs. D. L. (Elvira Stearns, '47), Hinsdale.

Scribner, Miss Julia A. G. (g. '72), Raymond.
 Sherman, Miss Gertrude E. (g. '02), Hanover.
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 Smith, Mrs. E. W. (Sarah P. Ladd, '73), Raymond.
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Foss, Florence Winslow	('05), Dover.
Hall, Katharine Madge	('06), Manchester.
Hicks, Emma Smith	('06), Spofford.
Horton, Harriet Lillian	('05), Portsmouth.
Howe, Bertha Mabel	('06), Claremont.
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Nixon, Frances Margaret	('05), East Brentwood.
Norcross, Gertrude Lillian	('05), Milford.
Norcross, Mary Florence	('05), Milford.
Parker, Edna Alice	('03), Nashua.
Ralph, Agnes Magdalen	('04), Franklin Falls.
Richardson, Marion Louise	('03), Pelham.
Sargent, Elizabeth Sears	('03), Manchester.
Smart, Florence Gertrude	('06), Littleton.
Smith, Ina Ernestine	('04), Dover.
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Thompson, Alice Lillian	('05), Deerfield.
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